



MEDIA RELEASE

Felony Indecent Exposure & Child Annoying Arrest

SANTA BARBARA, CA – April 9, 2012

On April 5, 2012 beginning at 8:22 a.m., the Santa Barbara Police Department's Combined Communications Center received multiple calls of a subject exposing himself and masturbating in the vicinity of Quinto Street and Oak Park Lane. Officers responded and at 9:03 a.m. Officer Carl Kamin located the suspect, Eric Blain Uzelac, age 42, at the Mobil Gas Station at 402 W. Mission Street. Victims and witnesses were transported to that location and they positively identified Uzelac as the culprit.

The following is a summary of the incidents involving Uzelac:

- 8:10 a.m.: On 200 W. Quinto Street a female victim inside her residence walked past the rear door of her house which has a large glass window and observed Uzelac lying on a couch on her back porch, smoking a cigarette and facing the door. A lace curtain partially obstructed her view and she was unable to further observe Uzelac's activity. When she exited the room to inform her husband, Uzelac left.
- 8:15 a.m.: On 300 W. Quinto Street a 15-year old girl walking to the bus stop at the intersection of State Street and Quinto Street observed Uzelac rubbing his genitals over his pants. He made a comment to her which she was unable to hear because she was listening to music with headphones. Fearful, she crossed the street and walked home to inform her grandmother. When she arrived home she observed Uzelac standing across the street from her residence, having apparently followed her there. The girl notified her grandmother who stepped outside to find Uzelac sitting on a chair on the front porch of the residence. Uzelac had his pants pulled down, his penis exposed, and was masturbating. The woman yelled at Uzelac to get off of her porch and he yelled obscenities back at her before leaving.
- 8:50 a.m.: On 2200 Oak Park Lane a woman returned home from walking her dog to find Uzelac standing on the sidewalk a few feet from her front gate with his penis exposed, facing some bushes and masturbating. When she approached her gate Uzelac turned, faced her, and continued masturbating while she went into her residence.

Uzelac is homeless with two past contacts with SBPD in 2010 and six past contacts in 2012 beginning in February. All of his past contacts with SBPD were for minor offenses, none of which involved sexual activity. Investigation in this case revealed that Uzelac had a prior conviction for indecent exposure in Manhattan Beach, California.

Uzelac was arrested and booked into Santa Barbara County Jail for felony indecent exposure with a prior conviction (two counts), and the misdemeanors of lewd conduct (two counts), child annoying, and prowling. His bail was \$35,000.00.



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